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SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The research focus during this time has been on computational issues associated with the new L_∞/H_∞ control synthesis theory and on examples illustrating application of the theory. A new scheme for parameterization of optimal controllers has eliminated the numerical problems which had plagued our first attempts to implement the theory.

Preliminary application of the new L_∞/H_∞ synthesis theory to sample control design problems has been very encouraging. The most useful feature is the handling of both performance and robustness in a natural way. The most critical practical issue to be faced is the translation of various design requirements into a single robust performance specification. This translation must be understood better before the L_∞/H_∞ methods can be made widely accessible.

PLANS FOR NEXT QUARTER

The main effort for the next quarter will be devoted to working examples to illustrate the theory and writing up results.

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